



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 424

LCO No. 2295

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT AN
ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING SYSTEM AND DEVELOP A
STANDARDIZED PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FORM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2012*) (a) The Commissioner of Public
2 Health shall, within available appropriations, develop and implement
3 a pilot program establishing an electronic prescribing system to allow
4 the electronic generation and transmission of prescriptions between
5 health care providers and pharmacists, as provided in section 19a-25b
6 of the general statutes. The pilot program shall include, but not be
7 limited to, the: (1) Development of messaging capabilities to alert a
8 health care provider when a patient is prescribed a drug that is
9 duplicative or contraindicated or fails to timely refill a prescription for
10 a maintenance drug; (2) development of a standardized form to be
11 used by all health insurance companies to obtain prior authorization
12 for a prescribed drug irrespective of whether the request for prior
13 authorization is transmitted electronically or using a paper format; and
14 (3) provision of hardware, software and connectivity capabilities for
15 health care providers.

16 (b) Not later than October 1, 2013, the Commissioner of Public
17 Health shall evaluate the pilot program established pursuant to
18 subsection (a) of this section to ascertain specific improved health
19 outcomes and any cost efficiencies achieved. Not later than thirty days
20 after the completion of such evaluation, the commissioner shall report,
21 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
22 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
23 having cognizance of matters relating to public health concerning the
24 evaluation of such program. The pilot program shall terminate on the
25 date that the commissioner submits such report or January 1, 2014,
26 whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish a pilot program to implement an electronic prescription drug system and develop a standardized prior authorization form for use by insurance companies.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]